

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 1-17 as follows:

The holstering system 14 can also include a ~~holds~~ hold pin, which is known in the art and is arranged to ~~holds~~ hold the pivoting ball within the holstering system 14. To remove the cell phone from the holstering system 14 for use, a lever on the attachment 14 is activated to retract the pin and release the pivoting ball. The phone can then be removed from the holstering system 14 and pulled to the user's ear. The tether is pulled from the retractor housing 16 under the pulling force, but the tension required to extend the tether is not so great that it interferes with the use of the phone. If the phone is dropped at any point during is use, the tether prevents it from falling to the ground. When the phone is done being used it is moved back to the tethering system 10 where it can be remounted in the holstering system 14. The tether automatically retracts into the housing. When not in use, the device is securely mounted to the front of the tethering system.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 3-11 as follows:

Tethering system 10 and 40 also include a ratchet lock system that allows the tether to be retracted and held at its retracted length with no retracting bias on the tether. To release the tether so that it retracts, it is pulled, which releases the ratchet lock. The housings 16 and 42 each include a ratchet lock on/off lever [[19]] 15, 55 that allows for the user to disable the ratchet locking system. When the system is disabled, the bias remains on the tether when the phone is in use.